Rao Bahadur Dr N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any registers are maintained in the various offices for the list of furniture?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, sir.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether those registers are checked by the Account Officer at the time of Audit every year?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Not in all offices. The register is checked with the stock in the offices which the Account Officer and his subordinates inspect.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Then may I know how the stock register of the other departments is checked?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The head of the office is responsible for the stock.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: In answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know, to what does the answer "No" refer? Is it to the latter part or to the former?

President: The answer "No" refers to the latter part.

Grant of family pensions.

102. ❋**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) in how many cases family pensions have been granted by them after the introduction of the Gratuity Scheme; and

(*b*) what, if any, are the special reasons for giving such pensions?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) None.

(*b*) In view of answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any personal pensions are granted by Government?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The honourable member's question was about the grant of family pensions. Therefore the question of personal pension does not arise. I hope the honourable member is aware of the gratuity scheme that is in force now.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any individual pension is granted?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Some compassionate allowance might have been granted and I do not think it can be called a pension.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is it not a monthly payment ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: If so, for what period ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice.

President: The member had asked about family pensions and the answer was placed before the House. Now the member asks for certain other information for which without previous records the Government member is not in a position to answer.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: The Government member knows what I have asked. The only thing is he does not want to answer it.

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It was answered that in some cases compassionate allowances have been sanctioned.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: After the introduction of the gratuity scheme may I know, where is the necessity for granting a family pension ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice.

President: It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know the date of the proceedings concerning gratuity scheme ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: 1st Vrischikam 1108.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know whether any compassionate allowance or personal pension was given during the current year ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice.

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